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SUMMARY. FROM A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS WITH KEY GOA OFFICIALS IT IS APPARENT THAT AUSTRIANS HAVE NOT YET DEVELOPED FIRM POSITIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE DIALOGUE SUCH AS CHAIRMANSHIP, SECRETARIAT LOGISTICS, AND AGENDA. THEY HAVE QUIETLY ACCEPTED FACT THAT MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD IN VIENNA. THE ONE ISSUE ON WHICH GOA DOES HAVE FIRM POSITION IS THEIR DESIRE TO BE A PARTICIPANT IN THE DIALOGUE. THEY FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT THIS AND HAVE CONVEYED THEIR VIEWS TO THE OTHER IEA MEMBERS. NOW THAT KREISKY GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY IN THE SADDLE FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS, WE CAN ANTICIPATE A VIGOROUS GOA EFFORT TO BE PRESENT AT THE DISCUSSION TABLE. END SUMMARY.

1. SENIOR ECONOMIC OFFICER IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AMBASSADOR SCHÖBER, TÖDL ECON/COMM COUNSELOR THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY QUITE RELIEVED THAT VIENNA WAS NOT CHOSEN FOR SITE OF FIRST MINISTERIAL, SINCE THIS WOULD HAVE IMPOSED A CONSIDERABLE BURDEN ON FOREIGN MINISTRY. SCHÖBER WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT NON-PARTICIPATION IN MINISTERIAL WOULD AUTOMATICALLY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR COUNTRIES TO BE ON ONE OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONS AND AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT AUSTRIA MEETS THE VARIOUS CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DIALOGUE.

2. SEYFFERTITZ (FOREIGN MINISTRY) EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT LOCAL PRESS REPORTS REGARDING UK INSISTENCE ON HAVING SEPARATE SEAT IN DIALOGUE. SIMILAR CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED BY DR. POLACZEK, ENERGY COORDINATOR IN FEDERAL CHANCELLERY, AND DR. FRANK, HEAD OF ENERGY SECTION IN MINISTRY OF TRADE. THESE OFFICIALS FELT THAT UK PRESSURE COULD UNRAVEL PROPOSITION THAT EC SHOULD BE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE FOR ITS MEMBERS, THUS REDUCING NUMBER OF SLOTS FOR OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. ON MATTER OF CHAIRMANSHIP, SEYFFERTITZ MADE POINT THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO FIRST DETERMINE PRECISE ROLE FOR CHAIRMEN BOTH FOR THE MINISTERIALS AND FOR THE COMMISSIONS. GOA WOULD WAIT AND SEE DEVELOPMENTS DURING COMING DAYS BEFORE COMMENTING ON THIS AND RELATED QUESTIONS.

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3. COMMENT. BASIS FOR GOA CONCERNS ABOUT STRUCTURE AND PARTICIPANTS OF DIALOGUE IS FEELING THAT LARGE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WILL CALL SHOTS AND THAT SMALLER COUNTRIES LIKE AUSTRIA WILL BE LEFT ON SIDELINES AND WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY INPUT IN WHAT THEY EXPECT TO BE DISCUSSIONS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE ON KEY INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES WHICH IMPACT

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